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#### Sumperk

1. Prior to June 1951, a tank unit of more than 100 soldiers was stationed in a barracks installation on the northern exit of Sumperk (Machrisch Schoenberg - P 50/N 69). Its soldiers wore light-bordered black epaulets. Twelve to fifteen light tanks, with a crew of 3 soldiers each, were seen in the billeting area. The tanks ran on caterpillar tracks, had 4 bogie wheels, 3 track-supporting rollers, 1 drive wheel and 1 idler wheel, a square turret with slanting side armor which mounted a gun of about 50 mm with a barrel about 2 meters long, 1.80 meters above the ground and projecting slightly beyond the front. There was no muzzle brake. The tanks were square-shaped but had a rounded-off front. A reserve fuel container was built in at the rear. The tread was about 2 1/2 meters. Seven AT guns of 50 to 80 mm were also observed in the installation. They had muzzle brakes and pneumatic tires. \*
2. A small unit wearing black-bordered red epaulets was stationed in a small section of the above installation at the same time. Its soldiers had German 98-N carbines and submachine guns with drum and clip magazines. \*\*

#### Sternberk

3. Until June 1951, a tank unit of 1,200 to 1,500 troops was quartered in the garrison south of Sternberk (P 50/N 86), on the highway to Olomouc Olmütz (P 50/N 85). From 20 to 25 T-34 tanks without muzzle brakes and 12 light tanks of the same type as those seen in Sumperk were observed in the billeting area. [ ] \*\*\* 25X1A

#### Stare Mesto

4. In May 1951, an SNB school was located in the barracks installation about 1 km south southeast of Stare Mesto (Altstadt - P 51/H 51) on the east side of the south-bound road. It was estimated that more than 1,000 men who wore red epaulets attended the school. After two years training, school graduates were reassigned to various SNB agencies. The trainees were equipped with German 98-N rifles and Soviet submachine guns with drum magazines.

#### Velke Losiny

5. In June 1951, an infantry unit of about 600 troops was quartered in a garrison of about 10 low wooden barracks which was situated east of Velke Losiny (Gross Ullersdorf - P 51/H 60), on the road to Marsikow (Marschendorf - P 51/H 60). The soldiers wore light-bordered red epaulets and were equipped with pistols, German 98-N rifles, Soviet submachine guns with drum magazines and submachine guns with

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clip magazine. The troops had worn green epaulets prior to about April 1951.

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[ ] Comment. The information is too vague to establish identity of the units. The unit allegedly equipped with light tanks is believed to be an AT artillery unit with self-propelled AT guns, possibly former German AT guns mounted on model 38-t chassis. The unit may have been a component of the 13th Mts Inf Bn which was previously identified in the barracks installation on the northern perimeter of Sumperk. See

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\* [ ] Comment. An NCO school for reconnaissance units was repeatedly confirmed in the same barracks installation at Sumperk prior to May 1950. [ ] This school may have been the infantry unit mentioned in the present report.

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\*\* [ ] Comment. The information confirms the 12th Tank Brig which was last identified in Sumperk in August 1950. See [ ]

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